

SURGEON GENERAL'S OFFICE,
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The indifference with regard to records of gunshot injuries, and surgical operations thereby originated, heretofore manifested by Medical Officers, necessitates their being instructed to keep accurate and reliable records of all such cases, and, in view of its importance, to give the subject every attention.

This is demanded not only in justice to the corps of which they are members, and from which much interesting and useful statistical information will be expected at the close of the war, but also for the benefit of the science of surgery at large, which should not be robbed of the advantages supposed to accrue from so extended a field of observation as that which now presents itself.

To promote the accomplishment of this purpose, Medical Inspectors will give special attention to the examination of case books, and will report the relative industry and accuracy with which these records are preserved.

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